



**BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES**

**PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Mid Durham AAP**

**Mid Durham AAP**, through its 'Support for Older Peoples' Task Group, have agreed the delivery of a Neighbourhood Network across the villages of New Brancepeth and Esh Winning. The Neighbourhood Network will tackle a the following issues :

- to support older people in local communities to address social isolation and improve all round wellbeing
- to enable communities to take a lead in identifying and supporting older residents to become part of the local community
- to provide communities with the knowledge of services and organisations who can support older people
- to enable older people to remain independent in their own homes for longer

Durham Community Action (DCA) will deliver the project which will identify, recruit and train at least 6 local volunteers, who alongside partner agencies, will provide on-going support and training. The volunteers will be local residents who will receive training and access to a variety of service information. DAC would like you to identify any older person who you feel may benefit from being part of the Network and contact them on how to involve this older person. Volunteers are needed to come forward to be trained and supported to go out to meet people and bring them into the Network. If you can help then please contact Yvonne Probert on 01388 742043.

**Health Trainers will be working in Brandon** with older adults addressing many health inequalities, including weight management, stopping smoking, reducing alcohol consumption, increasing physical activity, financial management, social isolation, healthy cooking/diet, learning difficulties etc. A Health Trainer can work with residents either on a 1-2-1 basis or within a group setting. Your Health Trainer will use a friendly, informal approach to help you identify

aspects of your lifestyle you would like to improve on and develop an action plan with you in order to identify resources to assist you with this. Your Health Trainer will monitor you throughout your plan to help you with your development offering their advice and support as well as signposting you to services within the local community if required. Most importantly the Health Trainer service is FREE of charge. What are you waiting for? Let's make 2015 a healthy year for you and start by contacting Martin Hall (Senior Health Trainer) on 01207 218802 or email [m.hall@leisureworks.net](mailto:m.hall@leisureworks.net) for further information or to arrange an appointment with a Health Trainer.

## **Around the Wards**

### **Brandon**

**Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project** brightened up the surrounding area by installing a Christmas tree and lights in the front garden of the Youth Club in December. Following a request from the Youth Club the Parish Council was pleased to help towards the cost of installation of the tree. The tree will be brought out every year during the festive period and will be an impressive focal point for this part of Brandon. The Council's Chairman, Cllr Akins, presented the cheque to Adam Gray and Thomas Williamson from the Youth Club at the Council's January meeting.



**The installation of the first of many Poppy Crosses** took place in the grounds of Meadowfield WMC on 16th December 2014 in a ceremony officiated by Sidney Stoker, Chairman of the Royal British Legion Durham Branch. The crosses are being created by the Young People of Brandon with Brandon Community Partnership. On this day 100 years ago, Britain was under its first attack by sea, with Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby being hit. To commemorate the heroics of those who fought, children have

been making the large poppy crosses, and on key battle dates throughout the next 4 years, these structures will be installed across various locations in the Parish area. The children have learnt a lot about the history of the first World War during this project and a display spanning 100 years of the history of Brandon and surrounding villages, produced by members of Brandon Community Garden, was shown in the Club following the ceremony.



### **Meadowfield and Langley Moor**

***Work on the Gap site on the High Street*** in Langley Moor is due to commence on 6th April. The area of land between the Cod Father fish shop and the Podiatrists in the High Street will be transformed into a meeting place/ community garden with new paving, floral displays and new street furniture. The Parish Council, local County Councillors and the AAP have worked together with the Friends of Langley Moor over the past year to progress the project. The group continues to meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Council offices.

***St. John's Church Hall*** -Plans have been drafted for a new one storey building and a public consultation was carried out on 31st January and at the fundraising event on 21st February at Meadowfield sports centre. This event raised an amazing £1,541 and was attended by about 400 people. A pre-planning assessment with Durham County Council will be carried out and the various site investigations will be done before the full planning application is submitted on St John's behalf by the Parish council. Any offers of help will be gratefully received by Lesley Baxter on 07846542035 or [lesleypb@aol.com](mailto:lesleypb@aol.com).

***Harry Carr House in Meadowfield*** continues to provide a luncheon club for the elderly in the community every Wednesday from 12noon. A two course lunch costs only

£3. If you would like to go along or find out more information please contact Ann Kidman on 0191 3782069.

### **New Brancepeth**

***New Brancepeth Youth Club*** is going from strength to strength! Numbers are increasing weekly and now there are 2 sessions running per week from the Village Hall, Junior Club aged 8 -12 years on Tuesday evening 5-6.30pm and Seniors 13 yrs + Tuesday 6.30 - 8pm. Since the New Year the club has been focusing on seasonal activities and so have made some valentine arts and crafts and been cooking Chinese food and making Chinese lanterns and dragons to celebrate the Chinese New Year. All of this could not be delivered without kind support from parent volunteers within the village, special thanks to Alan, Marie and Tracy for your continued support

### **Esh Winning & Waterhouses**

***Refurbishment of Waterhouses Play area*** commenced in February and dependent on weather conditions should be completed by the Spring.

***Two family concerts were held in November*** at the Catholic Church Hall thanks to funding from the AAP Village Vote monies. Children from both local primary schools provided entertainment and the evening was a great success.

***Esh Winning Banner Group*** has been invited to attend the 'Beamish King Coal' event on the weekend 25-26th April where banners will be paraded through the Pit Village to celebrate the North East's mining heritage.

### **Ushaw Moor & Broompark**

***Refurbishment of the play area at Broompark*** will hopefully be complete by the time this newsletter goes to press, weather permitting! The project has been funded by the local unitary councillors, Mid Durham AAP and Section 106 monies. After completion the gaps in the hedge will be filled with new whips and a launch day will then be organised.

***Ushaw Moor Action Group*** continues to work hard within the village with projects such as The Hive, The Hut and the community garden. The Council fully supports the work of the group and recently assisted with the rent for The Hive whilst

the group pursue other sources of funding. The Hive Community Cafe on Station Road is now open every weekday, 10am to 3pm, which means the computers and WiFi are freely available during the working week. A Youth Cafe is held on Wednesdays, 4-6pm and a Youth Drop-in session on Thursday's 4.30 – 6pm. The Hut has had an early 'spring clean', interior walls have been repainted and the carpet has been professionally cleaned, and bookings for both regular and occasional events are on the increase. The latest regular event is Hatha Yoga on Tuesday mornings



organised by Age UK. Due to sponsorship from East Durham Trust the Community Garden now has another sizeable shed, which served as a Santa's grotto at an event last Christmas.

**Silver Trees Sculpture**— you have probably noticed that one of the ornamental silver trees at the bottom of Whitehouse Lane has been vandalised. The trees were originally installed in 2002 as part of an environmental scheme organised by the former City Council. Unfortunately Durham County Council has no budget to maintain this area therefore the Parish Council has taken responsibility for the area. Local Parish members have met with the original manufacturer of the trees, Graeme Hopper, who has advised that the remaining trees be removed. The Council has approached the Headteacher of Silver Trees Primary School, Mr Truman, to discuss the possibility of relocating the ornamental trees in some form in the school grounds. Discussions are currently taking place on the possibilities of progressing this option. The Council are then hoping to work with Mr.Hopper, the schools and local community on a project to refurbish the area at Whitehouse Lane.

### **Chairman's Charity Evening**

**Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Thomas Akins**, will be holding his Charity evening on 28th March 2015 at 7p.m -11pm in Browney WMC. Proceeds will go towards the rebuild of St. John's Church Hall. Tickets are only £3 and include a buffet and entertainment by local group 'North Road' and a magician.

### **Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Sessions**

#### **Brandon Community Hall**

11 am-12noon- second Thursday of month

11 am-12noon- fourth Thursday

#### **Esh Winning Library**

2-3pm-first & third Tuesdays

#### **New Brancepeth Village Hall**

10-11am-first Wednesday

#### **Sure Start, Ushaw Moor**

11am-12noon-third Thursday

### **Credit Unions**

Every Tuesday 3p.m.-4p.m. in Esh Winning Library

Every Wednesday 10a.m.-11a.m in Ushaw Moor Sure Start Children's Centre

Every Wednesday 9.30a.m-10.30a.m. St. Andrew's Church, Brandon

**'Dog Pooh ' bags available free from the Parish Council offices and various locations in the Parish**

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